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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:

Genesis Global Holdco, LLC, *et al.*,

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No.: 23-10063 (SHL)

Jointly Administered

**SUMMARY SHEET FOR FIRST INTERIM APPLICATION  
OF MORRISON COHEN LLP, SPECIAL LITIGATION AND  
ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS, FOR ALLOWANCE  
OF COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND  
FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES  
INCURRED FROM JANUARY 19, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2023**

Name of Applicant:	Morrison Cohen LLP
Authorized to Provide Services to:	Genesis Global Holdco, LLC, <i>et al.</i>
Date of Retention:	An entered order [ECF No. 106], dated February 24, 2023, authorizing retention <i>nunc pro tunc</i> to the Petition Date ( <i>i.e.</i> , January 19, 2023), as applicable for each Debtor.
Period for which Compensation and Expenses are Sought:	1/19/2023 through 5/31/2023

<b>Summary of Total Fees and Expenses Requested</b>	
Total Compensation Sought for the Fee Period	\$933,249.00 <sup>1</sup>
Total Expense Reimbursement Sought for the Fee Period	\$13,087.58
Total Allowed Fees Paid to Date	\$0
Total Allowed Expenses Paid to Date	\$0
Fees Sought for the Fee Period Already Paid Pursuant to Monthly Fee Statements But Not Yet Allowed	\$746,599.20
Expenses Sought for the Fee Period Already Paid Pursuant to Monthly Fee Statements But Not Yet Allowed	\$13,087.58
Total Fees and Expenses Sought for the Fee Period Already Paid Pursuant to Monthly Fee Statements But Not Yet Allowed	\$759,686.78
Total Fees Sought for this Fee Period Not Yet Paid	\$186,649.80
Total Expenses Sought for this Fee Period Not Yet Paid	\$0
Total Fees and Expenses Sought for this Fee Period Not Yet Paid	\$186,649.80
This is an:    ___ monthly <u>  X  </u> interim    ___ final application.	

<sup>1</sup> This amount reflects a voluntary reduction (*i.e.*, discount for which no compensation will be sought) over the course of the engagement to date and before issuing the Monthly Fee Statements (defined in the First Interim Application) of \$32,055.

<u>Summary of Prior Monthly Fee Statements</u>					
<b>Date Filed and ECF No.</b>	<b>Fee Period</b>	<b>Total Fees Incurred for Fee Period</b>	<b>Total Expenses Incurred for Fee Period</b>	<b>Total Fees Previously Requested in Prior Monthly Fee Statements (at 80%)</b>	<b>Total Expenses Previously Requested in Prior Monthly Fee Statements (at 100%)</b>
<i>First Interim Application</i>					
4/14/2023 ECF No. 226	January 19, 2023 through January 31, 2023	\$172,148.50	\$0.00	\$137,718.80	\$0.00
5/1/2023 ECF No. 280	February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023	\$360,119.00	\$147.43	\$288,095.20	\$147.43
5/31/2023 ECF No. 344	March 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023	\$304,329.50	\$10,230.23	\$243,463.60	\$10,230.23
6/27/2023 ECF No. 457	May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023	\$96,652.00	\$2,709.92	\$77,321.60	\$2,709.92
Total for First Interim Application		\$933,249.00	\$13,087.58	\$746,599.20	\$13,087.58

**Summary of Any Objections to Monthly Fee Statements: None.**

**Fees and Expenses Sought in this First Interim Application Not Yet Paid: \$186,649.80**

<b><u>Compensation by Professional for Fee Period</u></b>						
<b><u>Timekeeper</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Year Admitted to NY Bar</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Hours</u></b>	<b><u>Fee</u></b>
<b>Partners</b>						
Gottlieb, Jason P.	Partner	Digital Assets	2002	\$1,200.00	82.0	\$98,400.00
Moldovan, Joseph T.	Partner	Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Governance	1983	\$1350.00	3.0	\$4,050.00
Hong, Richard	Partner	Digital Assets	1992	\$950.00	31.1	\$29,545.00
Mix, Michael	Partner	Digital Assets	2012	\$875.00	28.7	\$20,912.50
Isaacs, Daniel C.	Partner	Digital Assets	2011	\$875.00	228.9	\$200,287.50
Rosenblat, Heath D.	Partner	Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Governance	2003	\$900.00	50.4	\$45,360.00
<b>Senior Counsel</b>						
Kozlowski, David J.	Senior Counsel	Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Governance	2007	\$850.00	46.3	\$35,789.20
<b>Associates</b>						
Roth, Will I.	Associate	Digital Assets	2017	\$700.00	57.5	\$40,250.00
Debs, Omar	Associate	Digital Assets	2019	\$560.00	98.0	\$54,880.00
Fusco, Richard J.	Associate	Digital Assets	2019	\$560.00	18.1	\$10,136.00
Upadhyaya, Vani T.	Associate	Digital Assets	2020	\$580.00	170.1	\$98,658.00

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<b>Contract Attorneys</b>						
Siconolfi, Sally	Contract Attorney	Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Governance	2005	\$650.00	139.6	\$90,740.00
First Level Reviewer <sup>2</sup>	Contract Attorneys	Digital Assets		\$300.00	498.8	\$149,640.00
Quality Control <sup>3</sup>	Contract Attorneys	Digital Assets		\$300.00	53.8	\$16,140.00
Review Manager <sup>4</sup>	Contract Attorneys	Digital Assets		\$300.00	15.3	\$4,590.00
<b>Paralegals and Litigation Support</b>						
Knox, Tukisha	Paralegal	Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Governance	n/a	\$485.00	10.9	\$5,286.50
Jordan, Ellen A.	Paralegal	Litigation	n/a	\$370.00	10.0	\$3,700.00
Ballantyne-Smyth, Denisha R	Paralegal	Digital Assets	n/a	\$305.00	0.3	\$91.50
Yan, Ken	Litigation Support Specialist	Litigation	n/a	\$330.00	29.0	\$9,570.00

<sup>2</sup> First Level Reviewers, Quality Control, and Review Managers are attorneys engaged through an outside vendor to perform first level document review.

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Singleton, Giselle	Litigation Support Manager	Litigation	n/a	\$475.00	14.3	\$6,792.50
Wyntenus, Christopher	Managing Clerk	Litigation	n/a	\$305.00	0.8	\$244.00
Crawley, Brianna S.	Docket Clerk	Litigation	n/a	\$225.00	0.5	\$112.50
Picardo, Lisa	Docket Clerk	Litigation	n/a	\$220.00	1.4	\$308.00
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>1,588.8</b>	<b>\$933,249.00</b>

<b>Total Fees for Compensation Period</b>			
	Blended Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Fees
Partners	\$949.67	424.10	\$402,755.00
Senior Counsel	\$772.98	46.3	\$35,789.20
Associates	\$593.32	343.7	\$203,924.00
Contract Attorneys	\$369.06	707.5	\$261,110.00
Paralegals and Litigation Support	\$388.47	67.2	\$26,105.00
<b>Blended Attorney Rate</b>		<b>\$596.18</b>	
<b>Blended Rate for All Timekeepers</b>		<b>\$587.39</b>	
<b>Total Fees Incurred</b>		<b>\$933,249.00</b>	

<b>Compensation by Project Category for Fee Period</b>		
<b>Matter/Description</b>	<b>Total Hours Billed</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>
B110 Case Administration	28.9	\$30,531.50
B160 Fee/Employment Applications	255.8	\$192,431.00
B190 Litigation	1304.1	\$710,286.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,588.8</b>	<b>\$933,249.00</b>

<b>Expense Summary for Fee Period</b>	
<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Total</b>
Delivery Services / Courier	\$728.80
Relativity Hosting Fee	\$12,306.82
Lexis	\$51.96
<b>Grand Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,087.58</b>

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INCURRED FROM JANUARY 19, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2023**

TO THE HONORABLE SEAN H. LANE,  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Morrison Cohen LLP (“MC”) hereby makes its first interim fee application (“**First Interim Application**”) for an award of interim compensation for professional services rendered, and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with such services, for the period January 19, 2023 through May 31, 2023 (“**Fee Period**”) and respectfully represents:

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<sup>1</sup> The debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, “**Debtors**”) in the above-captioned jointly-administered cases (“**Chapter 11 Cases**”) are: (i) Genesis Global Holdco, LLC (8219); (ii) Genesis Global Capital, LLC (8564); and (iii) Genesis Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. (2164R). For the purpose of these Chapter 11 Cases, the service address for the Debtors is 250 Park Avenue South, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10003.



### **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

Genesis Global Holdco, LLC (“**Holdco**”) and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned jointly-administered cases (*i.e.*, the Debtors) employed MC, pursuant to sections 327(e) and 330 of title 11 of the United States Code (“**Bankruptcy Code**”), Rules 2014(a) and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (“**Bankruptcy Rules**”), and Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (“**Local Rules**”), as special litigation and enforcement counsel to the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases.

During MC’s retention related to and during the Fee Period, MC has provided services to the Debtors for numerous discrete tasks concerning, among many others:

- Advising the Debtors as to their rights and obligations in connection with numerous actions (“**Litigations**”);
- Communicating with opposing counsel in the Litigations on the Debtors’ behalf;
- Appearing in and participating in the Litigations on the Debtors’ behalf;
- Researching and analyzing various legal issues related to the Litigations;
- Providing advice on certain questions relating to the Litigations that may arise in the normal course of business;
- Advising the Debtors as to their rights and obligations with respect to inquiries and investigations by federal and state regulators and law enforcement agencies (collectively, “**Investigations**”);
- Communicating with regulators and governmental agencies;
- Responding to document information requests from regulators and governmental agencies;
- Addressing legal issues related to the Investigations; and
- Advising on regulatory issues in the normal course of business.

### **JURISDICTION**

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (“**Bankruptcy Court**”) has jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Cases and this First Interim Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York dated January 31, 2012 (Preska, C.J.). Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

2. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), and the Bankruptcy Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 327(e) and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016, and Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Local Rules.

### **FEES AND EXPENSES FOR WHICH ALLOWANCE IS SOUGHT**

3. As set forth above, this First Interim Application is made pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a) of the Bankruptcy Rules, Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules, the Appendix B Guidelines, the Bankruptcy Court’s administrative *General Order M-447* setting forth the *Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases* (“**Local Guidelines**” and, together with the Appendix B Guidelines, “**Guidelines**”), and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals*, dated February 24, 2023 (“**Interim Compensation Order**”) [ECF No. 101], for an interim award of compensation for services rendered to the Debtors during the Fee Period in the amount of \$933,249.00<sup>2</sup> and for reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$13,087.58 incurred in connection with the rendition of such services.

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<sup>2</sup> This amount reflects a voluntary reduction (*i.e.*, discount for which no compensation will be sought) over the course of the engagement to date and before issuing the Monthly Fee Statements (defined below) of \$32,055.

4. During the Fee Period, MC's attorneys and paraprofessionals expended a total of 1,588.8 hours. The blended hourly rate for MC during the Fee Period was approximately \$587.39.

5. A schedule setting forth the number of hours expended by the partners, senior counsel, associates, and paraprofessionals, their respective hourly rates, and the year in which each attorney was admitted to practice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. A schedule specifying the type of expenses for which MC is seeking reimbursement and the total amount for each such category is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

6. MC maintains computerized records of the daily time entries completed by all the MC attorneys and paraprofessionals. Preceding the time entries is a chart listing the names, billing rates, and time spent by each of the attorneys and paraprofessionals rendering services on behalf of the Debtors. In support of the First Interim Application and consistent with the Interim Compensation Order, copies of these computerized records, together with a computer-generated detailed itemization of the expenses incurred by MC for which reimbursement is sought, have been furnished to the Bankruptcy Court and the United States Trustee (and copies have been filed publicly on the docket with the Monthly Fee Statements (defined below)).

7. Pursuant to the terms of the Interim Compensation Order, MC has, to date, filed four monthly invoices covering a five-month period (collectively, "**Monthly Fee Statements**"): (a) for the period from January 19 through January 31, 2023 in the amount of \$172,148.50 for fees and \$0 for expenses ("**January Fee Statement**") [ECF No. 226]; (b) for the period from February 1 through February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$360,119.00 for fees and \$147.43 for expenses ("**February Fee Statement**") [ECF No. 280]; (c) for the period from March 1 through April 30, 2023 in the amount of \$304,329.50 for fees and \$10,230.23 for expenses ("**March-April Fee Statement**") [ECF No. 344]; and (d) for the period from May 1 through May 31, 2023 in the

amount of \$96,652.00 for fees and \$2,709.92 for expenses (“**May Fee Statement**”) [ECF No. 457]. Copies of the Monthly Fee Statements, which include MC’s time entries for the Fee Period, are attached to this First Interim Application as **Exhibit C**.<sup>3</sup>

8. Pursuant to the terms of the Interim Compensation Order, each month MC served a copy of its Monthly Fee Statements, supported by time and disbursement records and a summary of services rendered and expenses incurred, upon each of the Notice Parties (defined in the Interim Compensation Order) in the format specified by the Guidelines, allowing each of the Notice Parties an opportunity to review and object to the Monthly Fee Statements.<sup>4</sup>

9. During the roughly five-month period covered by the Fee Period, MC submitted Monthly Fee Statements for fees aggregating \$933,249.00 and expenses totaling \$13,087.58.<sup>5</sup>

10. MC sought payment of 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses covered by the January through May Monthly Fee Statements. With respect to the January Fee Statement, MC received a payment of \$137,718.80, representing 80% of fees requested in the amount of \$172,148.50 and 100% of expenses requested in the amount of \$0. With respect to the February Fee Statement, MC received a payment of \$288,095.20, representing 80% of fees requested in the amount of \$360,119.00 and 100% of expenses requested in the amount of \$147.43. With respect to the March - April Fee Statement, MC received a payment of \$243,463.60, representing 80% of fees requested in the amount of \$304,329.50 and 100% of expenses requested in the amount of \$10,230.23. With respect to the May Fee Statement, MC received a payment of \$80,031.52,

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<sup>3</sup> The May Fee Statement, as filed, inadvertently did not include **Exhibit B**. A corrected May Fee Statement is attached to this First Interim Application to include that missing summary exhibit.

<sup>4</sup> No objections have been made to the Monthly Fee Statements.

<sup>5</sup> To the extent that time for services rendered or disbursements incurred, if any, related to the Fee Period were not processed prior to the preparation of this Application, MC reserves the right to request compensation for such services and reimbursement of such expenses in a future fee application.

representing 80% of fees requested in the amount of \$96,652.00 and 100% of expenses requested in the amount of \$2,709.92.

11. As set forth in the Certification of Heath D. Rosenblat, a partner in MC, attached hereto as **Exhibit D**, all of the services for which interim compensation is sought were reasonable, necessary, and on behalf of the Debtors with respect to the Litigations, the Investigations, and in coordination with Debtors' counsel concerning certain matters of the Chapter 11 Cases.

#### **CASE BACKGROUND AND RETENTION OF MC**

12. On January 19, 2023, each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the date of such filing, "Petition Date"). The Debtors are operating their businesses as debtors-in-possession under sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. On February 4, 2023, an official committee of unsecured creditors was appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases.

13. On January 20, 2023, the Debtors filed their Joint Chapter 11 Plan. On June 13, 2023, the Debtors filed their Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan and Disclosure Statement related thereto. The Bankruptcy Court will hold a hearing to consider approval of the Disclosure Statement on July 20, 2023.

14. Pursuant to an Order entered on February 24, 2023 [ECF No. 106], MC was authorized to serve as special litigation and enforcement counsel for the Debtors, *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date.

15. The following matters, among others, were identified for MC to handle:

- Advising the Debtors as to the Litigations;
- Communicating with opposing counsel in the Litigations on the Debtors' behalf;
- Appearing in and participating in the Litigations on the Debtors' behalf;

- Researching and analyzing various legal issues related to the Litigations;
- Providing advice on certain questions relating to the Litigations that may arise in the normal course of business;
- Advising the Debtors as to Investigations;
- Communicating with regulators and governmental agencies;
- Responding to document information requests from regulators and governmental agencies;
- Addressing legal issues related to the Investigations; and
- Advising on regulatory issues in the normal course of business.

16. In considering this First Interim Application, it should be noted that MC has considerable experience in representing debtors in chapter 11 cases, as well as acting as special litigation counsel to debtors in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 matters. MC has likewise acted in a professional capacity in a multitude of cases representing the interests of trustees, debtors, creditors' committees, and secured creditors.

17. It is believed that the work encompassed by this First Interim Application for which compensation is sought was performed efficiently. All of the tasks summarized in this First Interim Application were performed in such a manner as to ensure minimal duplication of services within MC, as well as with the Debtors' other professionals, in an effort to keep the administration expenses of these estates to a minimum. Before filing each of the monthly fee statements at issue in this First Interim Application, MC also performed a rigorous review of the fees in order to eliminate any time entries that could be subject to question.

#### **SUMMARY OF LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED**

18. The following is a summary description of the primary services rendered by MC during the Fee Period that highlights the benefits conferred upon the Debtors and their respective estates and creditors. All of the professional services rendered are set forth in the computerized

time records<sup>6</sup> maintained by MC and attached to the Monthly Fee Statements (**Exhibit C** to this First Interim Application), and the Bankruptcy Court is respectfully referred to those records for detail of all of the work performed by MC.

19. MC devoted time rendering legal services during the Fee Period that included working with the Debtors' other professionals in connection with various aspects of the Chapter 11 Cases, as well as handling the Litigations and the Investigations. As set forth below, the bulk and focus of MC's services, as would be expected given MC's retention as special litigation counsel, services centered around efforts concerning the Litigations and the Investigations. A brief summary of MC's services, which is supplemented in the entirety by the time records attached in full to the Monthly Fee Statements, is described below.

**A. Case Administration**

Total Fees: \$30,531.50  
Total Hours: 28.9

20. During the Fee Period, MC coordinated, communicated, and strategized with Debtors' counsel and Debtors' principals regarding the status of the Litigations and the Investigations and the interplay and impacts of each on the Chapter 11 Cases. MC also coordinated with Debtors' counsel on various other matters related to the administration of the Chapter 11 Cases.

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<sup>6</sup> As previously addressed, due to the nature of MC's special counsel retention, confidentiality is necessary in connection with some of MC's efforts and; thus, certain of MC's time entries reflect its efforts to maintain this confidentiality.

**B. Fee / Employment Applications**

Total Fees: \$192,431.00  
Total Hours: 255.8

21. During the Fee Period, MC ran extensive conflicts and connections searches to determine that it was able to be employed by the Debtors. MC drafted its employment application and instructed its timekeepers regarding disclosures required pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules, and UST Guidelines. In addition, among other things, MC (a) prepared and filed its January Fee Statement, February Fee Statement, March-April Fee Statement, and May Fee Statement pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, Local Rules, and UST Guidelines, and (b) began preparing this First Interim Application.

**C. Litigations/Investigations**

Total Fees: \$710,286.50  
Total Hours: 1304.1

22. As is evident, the bulk of the time MC spent during the Fee Period related to the Litigations and Investigations. Given the nature of these representations, not much can be said specifically on these services. But MC regularly represented the Debtors in connection with discussions, examinations, and negotiations with various litigants concerning the Litigations and with federal and state regulators, law enforcement agencies, and other government agencies concerning the Investigations. MC's work in this regard included, *inter alia*, communications, discovery, drafting, strategy planning, and other litigation and investigative tasks. MC also analyzed opposing counsels' and regulators' varied theories and positions towards possible resolutions with these parties.

**ARGUMENT CONCERNING COMPENSATION**

23. There are numerous factors to be considered by the Bankruptcy Court in determining allowances of compensation. *See, e.g., In re Woerner*, 783 F.3d 266, 272 (5th Cir.



2015) (enumerating factors to be considered in awarding compensation to professionals); *Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, Inc.*, 488 F.2d 714 (5th Cir. 1974), abrogated by *Blanchard v. Bergeron*, 489 U.S. 87 (1989) (same); *see also In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Grp., Inc.*, 133 B.R. 13 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991) (“Drexel Burnham”); *In re Nine Assocs., Inc.*, 76 B.R. 943 (S.D.N.Y. 1987); *In re Cuisine Magazine, Inc.*, 61 B.R. 210 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1986).

24. Further, in awarding compensation pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code to professionals employed under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Court must take into account, *inter alia*, the factors enumerated in Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

25. Here the professional services rendered by MC have required substantial time, expertise, and effort. During the Fee Period, MC’s professionals and paraprofessionals recorded 1,588.8 hours — 1304.1 hours of which related to the Litigations and the Investigations — providing the above-summarized professional services. MC will continue to perform those services necessary to represent the Debtors as special litigation and enforcement counsel.

26. Time and labor devoted is only one of the many factors to be considered in awarding attorney compensation. Bankruptcy Courts also must consider: (a) the need for the preservation and maximization of value for all participants in these Chapter 11 Cases; (b) the complexity of the matters involved in and handled by MC in these Chapter 11 Cases; (c) the nature and extent of services rendered and the results achieved; (d) MC’s experience, reputation, and ability; (e) the value of MC’s services; and (f) the cost of comparable services other than in a case under the Bankruptcy Code.

27. MC respectfully submits that application of the foregoing criteria more than justifies the compensation requested in this First Interim Application for the Fee Period on an

interim basis. As described above, MC provided services to the Debtors during the Fee Period concerning a number of matters of varying sophistication and complexity.

28. The professional services rendered here have been performed by attorneys with broad expertise and high levels of skill in their practice areas or specialty. This highly professional group of attorneys, working together with the Debtors' other professionals, has ensured that these Chapter 11 Cases have progressed in an efficient manner.

29. In view of the foregoing, MC respectfully requests that it be allowed interim compensation in the amount of \$933,249.00 for services rendered during the Fee Period.

30. In view of the policy underlying sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code that attorneys in bankruptcy cases be compensated on parity with attorneys practicing in other fields, it is respectfully submitted that compensation sought in this First Interim Application should be allowed as requested.

31. MC reviewed the requirements of the UST Guidelines and believes that this First Interim Application complies in all material respects with those requirements. To the extent this First Interim Application does not comply in every respect with the requirements of such guidelines, MC respectfully requests a waiver for any such technical non-compliance.

#### **ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS**

32. As set forth in **Exhibit B**, attached to this First Interim Application, MC incurred \$13,087.58 in expenses in connection with MC providing professional legal services to the Debtors during the Fee Period.

#### **NOTICE AND NO PRIOR REQUEST**

33. Notice of this First Interim Application has been served, in compliance with Rule 2002, upon all known creditors and parties-in-interest, all parties requesting notice, and the United

States Trustee. MC submits that such notice constitutes good and sufficient notice, and that no other or further notice is required or necessary.

34. No prior request for the relief sought in this First Interim Application has been made to this Bankruptcy Court or any other court.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons set-forth above in this First Interim Application, MC respectfully requests that the Bankruptcy Court enter an order: (a) awarding MC interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the Fee Period in the amounts of \$933,249.00 and \$13,087.58, respectively; and (b) directing payment in the amount of \$186,649.80 representing the amount previously held back; and (c) granting such other and further relief as this Bankruptcy Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: New York, New York  
July 19, 2023

### **MORRISON COHEN LLP**

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